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METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 2, before "Field of the Invention" insert the following new paragraph:

--This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/385,381, filed August 30, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--.